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SUESUE INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY ON FIREARMS CHARGES

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, October 18, 2007, that Deven Talafili Suesue of Anchorage, Alaska, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Anchorage on charges of being a felon in possession of firearms and ammunition and criminal forfeiture.

The two-count indictment named Suesue, age 24, of 5006 Wesleyan Drive in Anchorage, as the sole defendant.

According to the indictment presented to the court, Suesue possessed the following firearms and ammunition on July 10, 2007: a Russian, SKS 7.62 X 39 mm semi-automatic rifle; a Russian SKS, 7.62 X 39 mm semi-automatic rifle; a Ruger, Model Mini-14, .223 caliber semi-automatic rifle; a Ruger, Model 10-22, .22 caliber semi-automatic rifle, which was loaded with 25 rounds of Remington .22 caliber ammunition; 11 rounds of PMC .223 caliber ammunition; and 30 rounds of assorted 9 mm ammunition.

Special Assistant United States Attorney Erin E. White, who presented the case to the grand jury, indicated that the law provides for a maximum total sentence of ten years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed will be based upon the seriousness of the offenses and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives conducted the investigation leading to the indictment in this case. SAUSA White is one of two prosecutors in the U.S. Attorney's Office who are funded by the Municipality of Anchorage for the purpose of prosecuting gang-related and violent crime cases.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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